



River Ridge Elementary School

5960 Reidville Road

Moore, SC 29369

Grades	PK-4 Elementary School	
Enrollment	622 Students	
Principal	Dr. Glenda P. Bigby	864-949-7620
Superintendent	Dr. Scott Turner	864-949-2350
Board Chair	Mr. Steve Brockman	864-949-2350

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2013 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2013	Excellent	Excellent
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Excellent	Excellent
2010	Excellent	Excellent
2009	Good	Good

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

<http://ed.sc.gov>

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Percent of Student PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

Percent of students tested in 2012-13 whose 2011-12 test scores were located

97.7%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
38	18	1	1	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 12/14/2013.

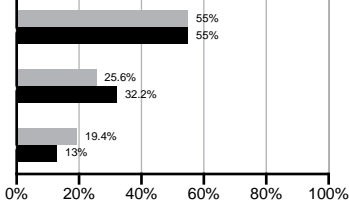
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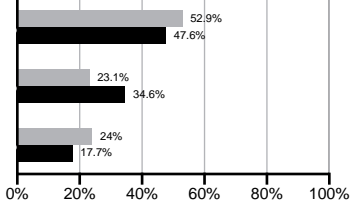
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English/Language Arts



Mathematics

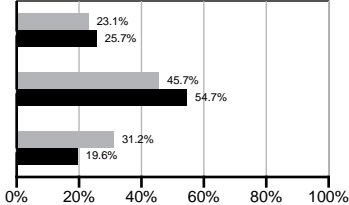


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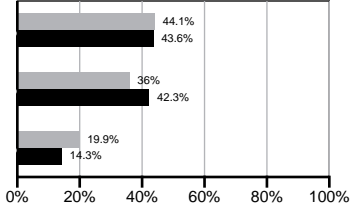
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Science



Social Studies

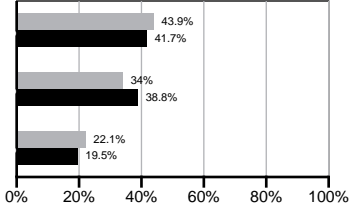


Exemplary

Met

Not Met

Writing



Our school



Elementary schools with Students Like Ours

* Elementary schools with Students Like Ours are elementary schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means the student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means the student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=622)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	Up from 97.4%	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	1.4%	Down from 2.5%	0.8%	0.9%
Attendance rate	97.0%	Down from 97.2%	96.7%	96.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	9.6%	N/A	10.7%	7.2%
With disabilities	8.6%	N/A	11.3%	12.4%
Older than usual for grade	1.6%	N/A	1.3%	1.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=49)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	59.2%	Down from 61.7%	64.2%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	77.6%	Down from 83.0%	82.9%	83.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	93.5%	Down from 97.0%	89.7%	88.3%
Teacher attendance rate	95.0%	Down from 96.4%	95.3%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,900	Up 1.9%	\$48,865	\$48,193
Professional development days/teacher	14.2 days	Up from 13.9 days	10.5 days	11.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.2 to 1	Up from 18.3 to 1	20.9 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.5%	Down from 92.5%	90.8%	90.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 97.5%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,148	Up 3.9%	\$7,032	\$7,364
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	76.0%	Up from 75.5%	68.5%	68.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	74.0%	Up from 73.8%	67.0%	66.0%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

River Ridge Elementary School, located in one of Spartanburg County's fastest growing areas, houses 686 students in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade. The faculty and staff of eighty serve our students in a state of the art facility. It is our belief that we are all stakeholders in the educational lives of every student. Our mission is to develop responsible lifelong learners by providing meaningful and positive educational experiences for students to reach their maximum potential in an ever-changing world. We strive to meet the needs of each student.

This year our school continued to implement the Learning-Focused Schools initiative. This exciting school reform model provides greater focus on standards and curriculum for both teachers and students. Student achievement is prioritized as we use curriculum-based student learning maps, differentiated instruction, balanced literacy, guided reading and math, and inquiry-based science and social studies.

Opportunities for students are abundant at River Ridge Elementary School. Our preschool program involves three, four, and five year old students. In grades one through four, additional programs available include: ESOL, Reading Intervention Program, REACH (Our Gifted/Talented Program), Creations (Our Gifted Art Program), our Character Education Program, and Accelerated Reading. Students also have access to computers in labs and in classrooms and the use of digital cameras, hues, video cameras, scanners, SMART boards, IPADS in the classroom, the IPAD Mobile Lab and Interwrite boards/projectors. Technology is integrated across all content areas to strengthen student achievement

Student leadership is encouraged through participation in Student Council, Panda Patrol, school store workers, flag helpers, and The Morning News Show Crew.

We are grateful for our continuing partnership with our PTO and the following local businesses: Papa Johns, Publix, Zaxby's, McDonalds, Sonic, and Ingles. Students serve the school community through a variety of service learning projects which include Jump Rope for Heart, Pennies for Pasta for Leukemia, March of Dimes, and Relay for Life.

River Ridge Elementary School has been recognized for the following awards: Palmetto Gold Award, Palmetto Silver Award, Exemplary Writing School, Red Carpet School, Healthy Schools, Closing the Gap, and Schools of Promise.

Through these combined efforts, we will continue to provide all students at River Ridge Elementary School with the best educational opportunities possible.

Glenda Bigby, Principal Shannon Wiley, SIC Chair

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents			
	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	32	134	77
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.9%	89.5%	89.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100%	88.7%	93.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100%	88.8%	96%

* Only students at the highest elementary school grade level and their parents were included.

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ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2013, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/eSEA/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	96.0
Overall Grade Conversion	A

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the state's expectations

Accountability Indicator for Title I Schools

River Ridge Elementary School school has been designated as a:

- ☐ Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
- ☐ Title I Reward School for Progress – one of the schools with substantial progress in student subgroups.
- ☐ Title I Focus School – one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
- ☐ Title I Priority School – one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
- ☐ Title I School – does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
- ☒ Non-Title I School – therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.6%	2.3%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	N/A	4.9%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.9%	0.0%	No
Student attendance rate	97.0%	94.0%*	Yes

* Or greater than last year

Performance By Group

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested
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Grades 3-5

All Students	666.7	664.5	625.5	661.5	99.6	99.6
Male	657.0	658.0	620.3	660.3	100.0	100.0
Female	677.3	671.6	631.1	662.9	99.2	99.2
White	674.0	672.9	635.5	668.7	100.0	100.0
African American	644.9	641.6	598.0	635.9	98.4	98.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disabled	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized meals	645.1	644.6	608.5	636.8	99.1	99.1
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	635.0	635.0	635.0	635.0	95.0	95.0

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
English/Language Arts							
2012	3	139	100	19.1	19.8	61.1	80.9
	4	146	100	14.3	38.3	47.4	85.7
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2013	3	118	100	18.8	19.6	61.6	81.3
	4	142	99.3	20	30.8	49.2	80
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics							
2012	3	139	100	26	28.2	45.8	74
	4	146	100	18	29.3	52.6	82
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2013	3	118	100	26.8	19.6	53.6	73.2
	4	142	99.3	21.5	26.2	52.3	78.5
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Science							
2012	3	71	100	29.2	44.6	26.2	70.8
	4	146	100	17.3	59.4	23.3	82.7
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2013	3	59	100	35.7	48.2	16.1	64.3
	4	142	99.3	29.2	44.6	26.2	70.8
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
Social Studies							
2012	3	68	100	30.3	33.3	36.4	69.7
	4	146	100	12	42.9	45.1	88
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2013	3	60	100	21.4	41.1	37.5	78.6
	4	141	100	19.2	33.8	46.9	80.8
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Writing							
2012	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2013	3	117	100	24.8	31	44.2	75.2
	4	140	99.3	19.2	36.9	43.8	80.8
	5	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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